

## **MAJOR EGERTON MARTIN KIDNER MC (R30-32)**

He was born on 14 March 1915 in New Zealand and after leaving the College went to Reading University.

During WW2 he served with the Nigerian Regiment and won the Military Cross in 1941.

After the war he farmed on the Kinangop before becoming cattle agronomist at the National Agricultural Research Station at Kitale in Kenya. He was concerned with making cattle and grass a profitable business for the mixed farmers around him. Wherever he went, in peace or war, his sketch-book was always with him.

In 1963 he retired to Brandeston in Suffolk, but was constantly being called out to give advice and help not only in Africa but also in Asia, India, Jordan, Mexico and Belize. The accumulation of material in his sketch-books makes a valuable documentary.

His watercolours and pastels of African animals and birds constitute the cream of his painting. He had exhibitions in Nairobi, Botswana and Canberra as well as London and East Anglia.

He died in May 1984 aged 69.